

# MAKE UP OF POLICE PLANNED BY M'ADOO

Sensational Overhauling of the Department Is Promised as a Direct Result of the Outbreak of Lawlessness Now So General Throughout the City.

Commissioner McAdoo, upon his return from a vacation a few days ago, was astounded to find that the tone of the press was almost unanimously hostile to the Police Department. His press clippings teemed with complaints of laxity on the part of the force. It was apparent to him that this flood of condemnation had some basis, and he set an investigation on foot that promises to create a sensation in police circles within a very short time.

The lid has been pried off, and it could not have been done without the cognizance of the police. Gambling-houses are open all over the city, pool-rooms run without molestation and the enforcement of the Excise law is a farce.

Word that the town is open has spread throughout the country, and the "shave and 'sure thing' men" who were driven out of New York in the early days of Commissioner McAdoo's administration are back at their old stands. An agent of one of the most notorious disorderly houses in the United States, which is located in Chicago, is in New York completing arrangements to open a branch here. She is going about her business with no attempt at concealment and claims to have assurances that she will not be molested.

## DEPENDS ON SUBORDINATES.

The friends of Commissioner McAdoo say that the multiplication of detail duties attendant upon his office has not allowed him to keep track of the work of the department. He is a good executive, but necessarily places great dependence upon his subordinates.

Some of these subordinates, according to Mr. McAdoo's apologists, have been giving the Commissioner the "double cross." He has depended upon their reports for information about police conditions and the reports have not been true records of the situation. The investigation the Commissioner has set on foot is intended to unearth these delinquent subordinates and punish them.

The preliminary step was taken yesterday, when every Inspector in Manhattan and the Bronx was summoned to headquarters and closeted with the Commissioner. They were with him over an hour. Word has gone through the department by underground means that the inspectors have been ordered to make close inquiry into conditions in various station-houses and in the meantime the Commissioner has his own machinery moving.

"I am stirring the Police Department as it has never been stirred before," announced the Commissioner to-day. "You will soon see results."

## ESCAPED FIRE IN BOATS.

Guests and Employees of Island Hotel Menaced by Flames.

WATERTOWN, N. Y., Sept. 10.—The Pullman Hotel, on Pullman Island, St. Lawrence River, owned by the estate of the late J. I. Bayles, of Rome, was totally destroyed by fire at 2 A. M. to-day, entailing a loss of \$100,000 with insurance.

The few guests and employees escaped in boats.

The hotel was named after the late George M. Pullman, the palace car king, who entertained Gen. Grant at the dedication exercises.

## PRINCE BISMARCK ILL.

BEILIN, Sept. 10.—Congratulatory reports about the health of Prince Heinrich Bismarck, who is seriously ill at Friedrichsruhe, have for some time been circulating. One version proclaims his condition hopeless, hinting at abdominal cancer. Another says the prince is merely suffering from the result of pneumonia following due to eating bad fish in England several months ago.

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# ROOM IN EAST FOURTH STREET, WHERE MAN WAS FOUND DEAD, AND PICTURE OF VICTIM.



# GREEDY ROBBER KILLS PARTNER

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bedroom for a week from Albert Probst, the landlord. Neither had any luggage.

The tall man paid Mr. Probst \$1 on account of \$2.50, the price they agreed to pay for the room for a week. Then they left the house and did not return until late yesterday afternoon, when they came laden with a heavy grip and a number of bundles. Both men had been drinking, and the short man staggered under the bundles he carried.

## DISPLAYS BIG ROLL OF BILLS.

The short man asked for Mr. Probst as he entered the house. When the landlord responded to his summons he pulled out a great roll of bills, from the centre of which he extracted a \$2 bill. This he gave to Mr. Probst, saying that he wanted to pay the balance due for the room. He then staggered up the stairs, and that was the last seen of him until his body was found to-day.

The tall man carried the grip, the sides of which bulged with the contents. After depositing it in the room he went downstairs and asked for a drink of water. He drank several glasses before returning to the room.

This room is on the second floor of the house, in the front. The large front room is occupied by a Mr. and Mrs. Wenk. Mrs. Wenk said to-day that the men were still in their room when she went to bed. She could hear one of them snoring. The light was out.

No sound came from the room other than the snoring until 3 o'clock this morning, when Mrs. Wenk was awakened. Looking through her door she could see a light gleaming through an aperture over the door of the hall bedroom. She watched the light for a few minutes and saw a towel stuffed into the aperture. Then she dozed off to sleep again.

## FIND DEAD BODY ON THE FLOOR.

She was awakened by a slight sound three hours later and looking out into the hall saw that there was no light in the hall bedroom. She detected a strong odor of gas, awoke her husband and asked him to find where the gas leak was. The two groped about the hall and finally located it at the door of the hall bedroom.

Mr. Wenk pushed open the door and saw the body of a man lying on the floor. He shook the man, but could not rouse him, whereupon he sent for Mr. Probst. Probst called a policeman, who summoned Dr. McLeod, of Bellevue Hospital. The physician said that the man had been dead an hour.

A careful examination was then made of the room and it was found that every avenue of ventilation had been carefully stopped up. The large aperture above the door had been stuffed with a towel. The window was fastened tight, and the cracks stuffed with paper. There was no sign of any of the bundles the short man had carried or the valise born by the tall man.

## POLICE BELIEVE MEN WERE BURGLARS.

A search of the clothing of the dead man revealed nothing but a cheap nickel watch chain. There was not even a penny in the pockets, though Mr. Probst informed the police that he saw the man have a roll he believed to contain several hundred dollars the night before. Nor was there a scrap of paper or any marking on the clothing that might lead to identification.

Coroner Scholer, after examining the body of the dead man and the room and making a careful investigation of the circumstances surrounding his death, declared that there was no doubt but that the man had been murdered.

"I see every evidence of murder here," said the Coroner, "for from the condition in which the body is I believe he was in a stupor long before the gas was turned on in the room."

After hearing the statement of Coroner Scholer, Capt. McDermott, of the Fifth street station, went to the Fourth street house and made a careful inquiry. After he had heard the statements of Mrs. Wenk and Mr. Probst, and examined the room where the body lay, he said that he was convinced a murder had been committed. He at once assigned Detective-Sergeants Barnes and Glides to the case and sent a request to Police Headquarters that Central Office men be sent out to assist in running down the murderer.

The description given of the tall man corresponds with the police records of a notorious criminal. Mr. Probst described him as five feet nine inches tall and very thin. He had a decided squint to both eyes, sandy hair and mustache. He spoke German and English.

The dead man was five feet six inches tall, weighs 170 pounds, had light hair, complexion and mustache. He wore a red striped shirt, a black suit, black shoes and socks.

## DAVIS HEADS THIS WAY.

Vice-Presidential Candidate Leaves Baltimore for New York.

BALTIMORE, Sept. 10.—Ex-Senator Henry O. Davis, Democratic Vice-Presidential candidate, left this city for New York to-day, at 11 A. M. by the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad.

## HOLIDAY FOR ROOSEVELT.

OYSTER BAY, Sept. 10.—President Roosevelt devoted himself to-day almost entirely to his family, no official visitors having engagements at Sagamore Hill. After working in his library for some time the President gave himself over to recreation with his children.

# ORDERS FUNERAL FOR GIRL SUICIDE

Mysterious Woman in "J. B. R." Brougham Instructs Undertaker to Spare No Expense in Burial of Minnie Kruger.

CAREFULLY CONCEALS HER OWN IDENTITY.

"Woman Missionary," She Describes Herself in Arranging to Save Unfortunate Girl from Potter's Field.

The mysterious brougham bearing the initials "J. B. R." or "L. B. R." which drove to the Morgue and from which a woman descended and asked to see the body of Minnie Kruger, the unfortunate young manicurist, who ended her life with acid in Central Park last week, drove to the Stephen Merritt Undertaking Rooms, on Eighth avenue, to-day, and the same woman, maintaining the same silence about her identity, informed the manager that she would provide the girl with a decent burial.

Whether or not this woman represents the "J. B. R." who figures in the tragic message found clutched in the dead girl's hand, reading: "J. B. R.—Don't forget what you have done to M. K." may never be known, for she informed Manager Ratliff, of the undertaking rooms, that under no circumstances would she reveal her name.

## A "Woman Missionary."

She was handsomely dressed. Her brougham was a splendid one and the coachman garbed in side livery. She said when announcing that she would provide burial for Miss Kruger:

"Say that I am a woman missionary, and take a deep interest in the tragedy of this young girl's life." She made careful inquiries into the cost of burial and said that she wanted no expense spared.

The flat of Mrs. Strauss at No. 107 East Forty-eighth street, where Minnie Kruger boarded until the day she went to Central Park and committed suicide, is still locked, and Mrs. Strauss has not returned. It is believed by the janitor of the house, Mrs. Barry, that Mrs. Strauss is well acquainted with the man who drove the girl to self-destruction, and that she will conceal herself until the affair has been hushed up.

## Brother Calls at Morgue.

The Mrs. Johnson who identified the body as that of Miss Kruger gave a fictitious address, and no trace of her could be found to-day.

Charles Kruger, Elizabethport, N. J., the brother of the girl, called at the Morgue this afternoon and identified the body. He was accompanied by a woman who refused to give her name. He said he would seek to take possession of the body to-morrow.

# ACCUSED BY WOMAN OF STEALING JEWELS

Mrs. Arthur Paton, Guest of the Hotel Seville, Missee Gems Valued at \$1,300, and George Potter Is Arrested.

Another of the jewel robberies in the hotels of the "Tenderloin" that have become so frequent of late was revealed to-day in the Jefferson Market Court, when George Potter, of No. 222 West Twenty-fifth street, was arraigned by Detectives Drenner and Lehr, of the West Thirtieth street station, on a short affidavit charging him with grand larceny of various articles valued at \$1,300.

Mrs. Arthur Paton, who lives at the Hotel Seville, at Madison avenue and Twenty-ninth street, complained to the police that she had been robbed. Mrs. Paton, who is an invalid, said that she lay down for a nap yesterday afternoon, and the last person she saw was Potter, who had carried a glass of lemonade to her room. Then she went to sleep. When she awoke her jewels, which were inclosed in a seashell bag under her pillow, were gone. She notified the hotel manager, who called for Potter. The manager was informed that Potter had left the hotel.

## THIEVES STRIP ENTIRE FLAT.

Louis C. Bayer, a fireman connected with Hook and Ladder No. 14, on East One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street, has reported to the police that on Wednesday last burglars entered his flat at No. 50 Borgen avenue and stripped it of everything which could be carried away. Even the pictures were taken from the walls, and before the burglars left they riddled the well-stocked lavatory.

The goods stolen are valued at \$250.

## REBELS ACTIVE IN PARAGUAY.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 10.—Consul General Buehler has cabled the State Department under to-day's date from Asuncion, the capital of Paraguay, that conditions there are much disturbed and the population is very restless. The government is hampered in its efforts to overcome the revolutionists through lack of gunboats.

## Lebor Delegates Named.

LEEDS, England, Sept. 10.—At the annual session of the Trades Union Congress to-day William Abraham, Member of Parliament for the Rhondda Valley Division of Glamorganshire, and J. W. G. Jones were selected to represent the Congress at the coming labor conference in the United States.

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# POLICE CAPTURE CRAZED WIDOW

Burst in Door of House Where Demented Williamsburg Woman Had Barred Herself for Three Days.

DESPERATE STRUGGLE BEFORE ARREST IS MADE.

Maniac Fights Six Stalwart Bluecoats with Fury—Goes to Kings County Hospital Observation Ward.

Mrs. Elmbeth Calder, of No. 352 Manhattan avenue, Williamsburg, who went insane last Tuesday when she heard the news of her husband's death in a trolley car accident and who since that time barricaded herself in her house, refusing to accept food, and threatening to kill whoever attempted to enter, was captured to-day after a struggle with six policemen and detectives. Before she would surrender, her clothes were nearly torn from her back and her face and arms were lined with deep cuts.

Armed with a warrant charging the woman with insanity Capt. Charles Kulpe, Roundman Charles Lee and Detective Waldron of the Herbert street station, went to her house to-day upon her capture. They got the same reception given all others who attempted to enter by the front door. They then tried the rear. Against this door Mrs. Calder stood, threatening to kill the policemen if they broke it down.

## Savagely Jumps at Police.

Nothing daunted, the bluecoats with axes and hammers smashed away at the door. Hurling their bodies against it in a final effort the door fell in with a crash, knocking over Mrs. Calder. She did not wait for the policemen to come at her, but jumped at the first who entered the house. She scratched and tore at his face and head with the strength and frenzy of a crazy person. In her demoniac excitement she kept the three policemen more than busy and every time they thought that the woman's power of resistance had been exhausted by her terrible exertions she came back to the struggle with renewed fury.

Squirming, scratching, kicking and even biting, Mrs. Calder fought the men from one end of the hall to the other. Her hair all towiled and knotty, her dress with rents a foot long and almost torn from her body and blood covering her hands from the scratches received in the encounter, she would not give up. The three men who entered the house were finally compelled to get the assistance of others who were in front of the house keeping back the crowds.

## Overpowered at Last.

When Mrs. Calder was overpowered and was being taken to the court across the way she attempted to break away from the six men who held her. "What have I done," she shouted. "What have I done? My husband left me. He took my life! He's away. I know he's not dead."

The policemen told her that they would give her money, but this did not still her ravings. She was taken into the court-room before Magistrate O'Reilly, raving and mumbling incoherent words. In a few minutes she was committed to the observation ward of the Kings County Hospital for examination.

## Reserves Called Out.

The reports of the strange conduct of the widow attracted great crowds before her home last night and to-day. The throng grew to such proportions early to-day that the reserves of two stations were summoned to keep order. There were many in the crowd who attempted to play practical jokes on the unfortunate woman by holding up pieces of meat and cans of flower on poles before her windows.

This aggravated Mrs. Calder's inflamed mind, and she hurled pieces of brick-a-brac and even furniture out of her windows at her tormentors. When the police arrived boys began to throw stones at the windows of the house, but they quit after being fanned by the nightsticks of the bluecoats.

The neighbors of the insane woman declared to-day that they had heard her walking about her apartments all night long. She was still sleepless this morning and denied every entreaty of the police and her friends to open the door.

## Milk and bread were placed on the sill of her window last night and to-day.

When the insane woman saw them she became furious and swept them into the street with a broom, crying: "You can't poison me, you outthroats and robbers!"

## CARDINAL ANSWERS SUIT.

Transfer of Land to Catholic University Not Preferred Transaction.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 10.—The Catholic University of America filed an answer in the District Supreme Court to-day signed by Cardinal Gibbons, Chancellor of the University, to the petition of creditors of Thomas E. Waggaman, denying that Mr. Waggaman committed an act of bankruptcy by transferring to the trustees of the university a deed of trust to certain tracts of land owned by Mr. Waggaman, and stating that this deed of trust was to secure an indebtedness to the university of \$75,108.

It is averred that the deed of trust was received with the positive assurance by Mr. Waggaman that over and above all liabilities he was worth not less and considerably more than \$100,000, and the university denies that the conveyance was made with the intent to prefer the university as a creditor.

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